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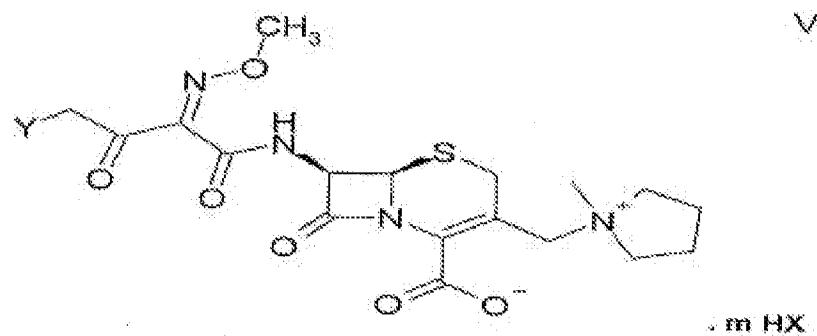
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 – 2. (Cancelled).

Claim 3 (Previously Presented). A process as claimed in claim 20, wherein pyrrolidinium-1-[(7-amino-2-carboxy-8-oxo-5-thia-1-azabicyclo[4.2.0]oct-2-en-yl)methyl]-iodide monohydrate is used.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented). A process as claimed in claim 20, wherein pyrrolidinium-1-[(7-amino-2-carboxy-8-oxo-5-thia-1-azabicyclo[4.2.0]oct-2-en-yl)methyl]-chloride or pyrrolidinium-1-[(7-amino-2-carboxylato-8-oxo-5-thia-1-azabicyclo[4.2.0]oct-2-en-yl)methyl]-dihydrochloride is used, optionally in ~~solvated hydrated~~ form.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented). A compound of formula V



wherein Y and X are Cl and wherein m=1.

Claim 6 (Cancelled).

Claim 7 (Previously Presented). A compound as claimed in claim 5 having an X-ray powder diffraction pattern substantially as that shown in Figure 1.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented). A process according to claim 20, wherein 4-chloro-2-methoxyimino-3-oxo-butyryl chloride is used as the reactive derivative of formula III.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented). A process as claimed in claim 20, wherein the step of isolating the compound of formula I comprises the step of removing any bromide or iodide ions that may be present by ion exchange and the step of precipitating or